

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his peers; and

**Whereas**, Dane Batson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, is to be commended for finishing in the Top Ten percent of the 2003 graduating senior class at Poplar Bluff High School; and

**Whereas**, throughout his stellar high school career, Dane Batson has excelled at his studies while participating in such extracurricular activities as the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, and the Beta Club, of which he is President; and

**Whereas**, Dane Batson has also earned much well-deserved recognition for his important roles as a PSI Team Leader, Sports Editor of the Yearbook Staff, Poplar Bluff High School Star Graduate, and Hugh O'Brien Youth Representative; and

**Whereas**, few high school students possess the athletic skill and ability of Dane Batson, who played on the Soccer Team for four years and earned the Hustle and G.H. Terando Memorial Outstanding Soccer awards, lettered all four years, and played on the District Championship Team his sophomore year and the All-Conference Championship Team his senior year; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Swim Team his senior year who made All-Conference in the 200 Freestyle Relay, Dane Batson has achieved all of this and more with the love and encouragement of his proud parents, Rose Marie and Greg Batson of Poplar Bluff; and

**Whereas**, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Dane Batson, a remarkable young man and exceptional student who will certainly excel in whatever career path he chooses to follow:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dane Batson at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dane Batson, as a mark of our tremendous esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Gayle Kingery  
District No. 154

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2237 adopted April 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker